



User Guide

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Sitecheck Assess User Guide

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Landmark Information Group is the leading supplier of environmental, land-use and mapping information in Great Britain. Formed in April 1995 we have developed a reputation for quality combined with value for money, providing the best available information in a user-friendly, timely and relevant manner.
- 1.2 We aim to deliver excellent Customer Service. Whether you need help locating a site, assistance in determining the right report for you, require additional information, have a question for our helpdesk or a general query we have an experienced team ready to talk to you. In addition, clients have access to their own Account Manager.
- 1.3 Copies of this User Guide can be downloaded free of charge from the Sitecheck website at www.sitecheck.co.uk or obtained from our Helpdesk team by calling 0844 844 9966.

2. Ordering a Sitecheck Assess Report

- 2.1 The quickest and perhaps most efficient way to order your **Sitecheck Assess** report is via our web site – **www.sitecheck.co.uk**. Register on line or call our Helpdesk team on 0844 844 9966 to set up your individual user name and password.

- 2.2 To order a report using one of our order forms please contact:

Landmark Information Group Limited
Landmark UK Property
The Smith Centre
Fairmile
Henley-on-Thames
RG9 6AB

Telephone: 0844 844 9966
Fax: 0844 844 9980
DX: 154400 Henley-on-Thames 2
E-mail: helpdesk@landmark.co.uk
Internet: www.sitecheck.co.uk

- 2.3 It is important that each order form is accompanied by a location plan, clearly showing the site boundary in relation to established features. If the site is a new development the developer's plan and Land Registry plan should be submitted to aid us in site identification. If in doubt please call for clarification, as orders submitted without a location plan may be delayed.
- 2.4 Order forms and plans may be sent by post, fax, or by DX using the address details above.
- 2.5 You may request to receive reports in PDF format by e-mail or in printed form. Extra printed copies are available on request.
- 2.6 **Sitecheck Assess** is available in PDF format within 48 hours, or within 2 working days if a paper report is required.

3. What is Sitecheck Assess?

3.1 **Sitecheck Assess** is a cost-effective environmental screening report, which is designed for assessing the suitability of development opportunities and for screening individual sites or portfolios. It is specifically tailored for property professionals including lawyers and conveyancers, surveyors, valuers, developers and investors, house builders, managers, owners and buyers. For the legal practitioner it will form part of the means to fulfil best practice in low risk commercial conveyancing matters as per The Law Society Warning Card on Contaminated Land Liabilities, published and distributed in June 2001. It is designed and priced to be part of every commercial property screening process, and should be obtained at the beginning of every commercial evaluation or transaction.

3.2 The **Sitecheck Assess** report includes a Professional Assessment provided by Argyll Environmental Ltd. The **Sitecheck Assess** is unique in considering the issue of land contamination in relation to property value. The Professional Assessment will comment on the level of risk disclosed in the **Sitecheck Assess** report by considering whether it is:

likely to have an adverse affect on the value of the property,

such that the property would be designated “contaminated land” within the meaning of the Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

In cases where a risk is identified, a report on Further Action is produced by Argyll Environmental within 48 hours.

4. The Framework and Reporting Style

4.1 Guidance to Local Authorities on identifying potentially contaminated land was established under Section 57 of the Environment Act 1995, which inserts a new Part 2A into the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and which was introduced in England and Scotland in the year 2000 and Wales in 2001. The basis was first to establish a pollutant linkage, this being where there is a source-pathway-target, alternatively described as contaminate-pathway-receptor. A source is the presence of pollution. A pathway is the means for pollution to migrate. A receptor or target is controlled water or a non-water designation, where the source is likely to cause significant harm.

4.2 Under Section 57, Local Authorities will first try and identify sites with a pollutant linkage before considering the extent and possible further actions such as an intrusive investigation. In the same way the **Sitecheck Assess** report orders the features revealed in the search under the core headings of Sources, Pathways and Receptors.

4.3 The **Sitecheck Assess** report comprises eleven sections:

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Summary of Site | Sensitivity |
| Aerial Photo | Other Factors |
| Location Map | Useful Information |
| Summary Table | Useful Contacts |
| Current Land Use | Terms and Conditions |
| Historical Land Use | |

- 4.4** The sections of the **Sitecheck Assess** report are explored in detail in the following paragraphs. The report reveals results in the order found in the Summary table. Current Land Use refers to potential contaminates not sourced from Landmark's Historical Land Use Data. The Sensitivity header is used throughout the report to combine pathway and receptor information, since features are frequently both a pathway and a receptor. Other Factors Affecting the Site is the heading used to review additional land use data that may be of interest.

5. Summary of Site

- 5.1** The Summary of Site is tabulated in three sections:

Sources
Pathways and Receptors
Other Factors

Each section provides details under these headings of features that have been identified on-site only. If no features are identified in a particular section that part of the table is not produced.

The information is derived from the data sets shown in Appendix 2.

- 5.2** Each entry in the table gives details of the record, together with a contact reference number which refers you to an entry in the Useful Contacts section.
- 5.4** A page number is given to aid location of the record in the body of the report. In electronic versions of the report this number is a hyperlink which will take you directly to that page when clicked.
- 5.3** Where applicable a Reference Number (Map ID) is listed in the table which appears on the relevant maps next to the relevant symbol. Each Reference Number relates specifically to the feature on the map.

6. Aerial Photo

- 6.1** The Aerial Photo gives an overall view of the area centred on the bearing reference point of the site. The area shown is a 570 metre square on the ground, which does not expand for larger site areas.
- 6.2** To the bottom right of the photo there is an Ordnance Survey map showing the site and 250m search buffer.
- 6.3** Adjacent to the map you will find the site location description and a six figure National Grid Reference, relating to the bearing reference point for the site, rounded to the nearest 10 metres. This is indicated on the information maps by an "X". To convert this National Grid Reference to an alphanumeric string, please refer to Appendix 3. The Report Reference, Customer Reference and Size of Site are also included.

7. Location Map

- 7.1** The map confirms the boundary of the subject site used to drive the report. The site boundary is marked in red. Since all sites differ in shape and area this map is not reproduced at a set scale. The minimum distance from the site boundary to the map frame boundary is 50 metres.

- 7.2** Users should check the boundary is correct on receipt of their **Sitecheck Assess** report. Please call our Helpdesk team on 0844 844 9966 if you have an issue with the boundary.
- 7.3** The background map contains both features and descriptive text, which may contain information not reported in the body of the report but relevant to the reader. Examples are water features (marked in blue on the map), text for tanks, electricity sub stations, factories, works and schools, shapes indicating tanks, benchmarks and spot heights.
- 7.4** To the bottom right of the main map there is a further small aerial photograph.
- 7.5** Adjacent to the small aerial photograph you will find the site location description and a six figure National Grid Reference, relating to the bearing reference point for the site. Rounded to the nearest 10 metres. This is indicated on the information maps by an "X". To convert this National Grid Reference to an alphanumeric string, please refer to Appendix 3. The Report Reference, Customer Reference and Size of Site are also included.

8. Summary Table

- 8.1** The Summary Table comprises a set of four tables that list the information found for the site and the vicinity, derived from the data sets shown in Appendix 2 as per the following examples:

Extract from the Current Land Use section

| Current Land Use | On Site | 0-250m | 250-500m |
|---|---------|--------|----------|
| Sources | 0 | 19 | 35 |
| Waste / Landfill Sites | | | |
| BGS Recorded Landfill Sites | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Licensed Waste Management Facilities (Landfill Boundaries) | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Licensed Waste Management Facilities (Locations) | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Registered Landfill Sites | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Registered Waste Transfer Sites | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Registered Waste Treatment or Disposal Sites | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Statutory Authorisations | | | |
| Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Controls | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Contaminated Land Register Entries and Notices | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Registered Radioactive Substances | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Discharge Consents | | | |
| Discharge Consents | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Water Industry Act Referrals | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Industrial Processes | | | |
| Integrated Pollution Controls | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Integrated Pollution Control Registered Waste Sites | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Integrated Pollution Prevention And Control | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Local Authority Integrated Pollution Prevention And Control | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Historical Land Use section

| Historical Land Use | On Site | 0-250m | 250-500m |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sources | 11 | 23 | 75 |
| Potentially Contaminative Uses | | | |
| Historical Tanks And Energy Facilities | 4 | 2 | 25 |
| Potentially Contaminative Industrial Uses (Past Land Use) | 6 | 18 | 40 |
| Potentially Infilled Land | | | |
| Former Marshes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Potentially Infilled Land (Non-Water) | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Potentially Infilled Land (Water) | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Extract from the Sensitivity section

| Sensitivity | On Site | 0-250m | 250-500m |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Pathways and Receptors | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Pathways | | | |
| Groundwater Vulnerability | 1 | n/a | n/a |
| Drift Deposits | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| Historical Flood Liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Extreme Flooding from Rivers or Sea without Defences | 0 | 0 | n/a |
| Flooding from Rivers or Sea without Defences | 0 | 0 | n/a |
| Areas Benefiting from Flood Defences | 0 | 0 | n/a |
| Flood Water Storage Areas | 0 | 0 | n/a |
| Flood Defences | 0 | 0 | n/a |

Extract from the Other Factors section

| Other Factors | On Site | 0-250m | 250-500m |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Geological | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | |
| Brine Compensation Area | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| Coal Mining Affected Areas | 1 | n/a | n/a |
| Mining Instability | 1 | 0 | n/a |
| Natural and Mining Cavities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Radon Potential - Radon Affected Areas | 1 | n/a | n/a |
| Radon Potential - Radon Protection Measures | 1 | n/a | n/a |
| Potential for Collapsible Ground Stability Hazards | 0 | 0 | n/a |
| Potential for Compressible Ground Stability Hazards | 1 | 1 | n/a |

- 8.2** The summary tables give the data set name and the total number of records for each buffer. The table replicates the order of the detailed records within the body of the report.
- 8.3** Users should note that not all the records shown in the 250 -500 metre column will appear on the Current Land Use Map, the Historical Land Use Map and the Sensitivity Map. Features in the Other Factors section are not mapped.

9. Current Land Use

- 9.1** The background mapping used to display the current land use is the latest Ordnance Survey Street View Mapping. The symbols, together with the associated Reference Number (Map ID) labels are plotted on the map, with a corresponding description in the Legend for each symbol. Where a number of features are located in the same position the symbol and Reference Number are offset with a blue lead line.
- 9.2** The map view is of the site boundary and the 250 metre buffer. The map frame is of fixed dimensions. At least 50 metres of mapping will be visible between the 250 metre buffer and the map frame. Since the frame is fixed in size and all sites vary in shape and area the mapping is not reproduced at a fixed scale. The decision to map to 250 metre buffer was based on feedback from our clients and market research. It was felt and found that the relevance of data within this zone and the clearer mapping resulting from the reduced area was preferable compared to a view of the site and all the search buffer zones.
- 9.3** This section draws on trade directories, to provide detailed data on potentially contaminative current land uses. Waste/Landfill information is derived from the British Geological Survey (BGS) Recorded Landfill Sites, Landmark's own database of landfill sites, which includes a unique data set of pre-1974 Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites, and other waste management licenses. Also included is data from the statutory registers and data maintained by the Environment Agency, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the Health and Safety Executive and Local Authorities.
- 9.4** Data on Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites has been collected from more than 160 Local Authorities. The names of the Local Authority will appear under the Local Authority Landfill Coverage heading together with an indication of whether data has been supplied or not. Details of any Recorded Landfill Sites in the search area will appear under the Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites heading. Where no records have been provided by the relevant Local Authority it does not necessarily mean that there is no landfill, just that no records were made available to Landmark.
- 9.5** The Current Land Use section also includes details of any Part 2A sites that have been identified within the search area. These will be categorised as:

Contaminated Land

Special Sites

Remediated Contaminated Land

9.6 The search results for this section are presented in a tabular form. Each entry comprises:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Description: | The text gives details of the record and includes where applicable a Contact Reference number, referring you to an entry in the Useful Contacts section, and a positional confidence. |
| Ref. No.: | Where applicable the Reference Number label appears on the map next to the relevant symbol. Each Reference Number label relates specifically to the feature on the map. |
| Search Buffer: | Indicates whether the record is located on site or within the 0-250 metre search buffer. |
| Direction: | Indicates the direction of where the record is located in relation to the Bearing Reference Point for the site, indicated on the Information Map by an "X". |

10. Historical Land Use

- 10.1** The background mapping used to display the historical land use is the latest Ordnance Survey Street View Mapping, as with the Current Land Use section. The site boundary, 250 metre buffer and features are displayed as described in paragraphs 9.1, 9.2 and 9.7.
- 10.2** This section provides information from Landmark's proprietary database that has been derived from a detailed analysis of a selection of large scale Ordnance Survey historical maps at 1:10,000 and 1:10,560 scale, dating from the middle of the nineteenth century through to the late twentieth century.
- 10.3** This section also includes "Potentially Infilled Land" which are features that have been identified from a comparison of two or more map editions. This data set includes such features as quarries, pits and ponds which, as they no longer appear on the mapping, may have been infilled.
- 10.4** The Historical Land Use section is further enhanced by the inclusion of Landmark's unique "Historical Tanks and Energy Facilities" data set captured from post war 1:2500 and 1:1250 scale Ordnance Survey historical maps.
- 10.5** Potentially contaminative uses identified from the historical maps are sub-divided into risk rankings. The risk hazard shown on the map will depend on the individual risk related to the feature and the distance from the site.
- 10.6** The section ends with a table listing the map sheets used in the compilation of the historical land use data.

11. Sensitivity

- 11.1** The background mapping used to display the sensitivity details is the latest Ordnance Survey Street View Mapping, as with the Current Land Use section. The site boundary, 250 metre buffer and features are displayed as described in paragraphs 9.1, 9.2 and 9.7.
- 11.2** The first map shows flood risk information and the second environmentally sensitive features.

- 11.3** This section is concerned with Pathways and Receptors. It includes information on flooding and groundwater as well as environmentally sensitive receptors such as nature reserves, conservation areas and sites of special scientific interest.
- 11.4** Features such as Ground Water Vulnerability are not mapped owing to the inappropriate survey scale compared to the background map presented in the **Sitecheck Assess** report and the detrimental effect to viewing other features.

12. Other Factors

- 12.1** This section is concerned with information that, whilst not part of the contaminate-pathway-receptor model, may be of interest. It includes information on Radon, ground stability hazards and mining instability.
- 12.2** Each entry comprises:
- | | |
|----------------|---|
| Description: | The text gives details of the record. |
| Contact ref.: | The Contact Reference number refers you to an entry in the Useful Contacts section. |
| Search Buffer: | Indicates whether the record is located on site or within the 0-250 or 250-500 metre search buffer. |
| Direction: | Indicates the direction of where the record is located in relation to the Bearing Reference Point for the site, indicated on the Information Map by an "X". |

13. Useful Information

- 13.1** This section contains explanatory notes that may assist in the interpretation of some of the data within the **Sitecheck Assess** report.

14. Useful Contacts

- 14.1** This section provides the address and contact details of the main agencies who have supplied the data contained in the report. These contacts may be local, regional or national offices and should be able to provide additional details on the records revealed in the report.

15. Terms and Conditions

- 15.1** This section contains the Terms and Conditions under which the report is supplied.

Appendix 1 - Scope of the Report

- 1.1 All Landmark's reports are derived from its Legend™ Database - a database that is generally acknowledged to be the most comprehensive source of site-specific environmental information covering all of mainland Great Britain.
- 1.2 Landmark holds unique proprietary data sets: Landmark's Historical Land Use Data, Historical Tanks and Energy Facilities and a Database of Historical Landfill and Waste Management Licences.
- 1.3 The Legend™ database contains data sets collated from a wide range of sources: The Environment Agency, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Local Authorities, Ordnance Survey, British Geological Survey (BGS), Natural England, Catalist, Health Protection Agency (HPA), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Countryside Council for Wales, Countryside Agency, Coal Authority, Trade Directories, Scottish Executive, Forest Enterprise and Scottish Natural Heritage. A full listing of data sets, with details of record source, data type, date range, data update cycle and the section of the report in which you will find any records revealed, can be found in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 The Historical Land Use data is derived from the physical analysis of more than 60,000 Ordnance Survey map sheets at 1:10,000 and 1:10,560 scale, covering all of Great Britain, except for parts of rural Scotland, and dating from the middle of the nineteenth century to the late twentieth century. In addition 1:1250 and 1:2500 scale mapping published between 1946 and 1996 have been analysed for text relating to historical tanks and energy facilities.
- 1.5 The **Sitecheck Assess** report is a desk study of the historical and current uses of the subject site and a compilation of searches of statutory registers and other records insofar as these are held in Landmark's Legend™ Database. It does not include a site visit or a consideration of the planning history of a site. Landmark cannot guarantee that every potentially contaminative use on site has been established from these sources. For example, it may not be possible to identify sites of unauthorised dumping or unreported accidental spillage of harmful materials. Likewise, it would be impossible to establish all locations where asbestos products have been used.
- 1.6 The Environment Agency's flood risk data is used for England and Wales. For Scotland flood risk information has been provided by the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology.
- 1.7 Landmark strives to obtain comparable data sets covering mainland Great Britain. However, this may not always be possible due to different regional organisation of regulatory bodies and the slightly different legal framework that exists between England, Wales and Scotland.

Non geo-coded data

- 2.1 Data is supplied to Landmark in a wide variety of formats. Some of the data is supplied without grid references and Landmark makes extensive efforts to geo-code this data by identifying a grid reference for each record. Ordnance Survey's Address Point™ and other specialised geo-coding software is used to achieve this and to provide a confidence level indicator of positional accuracy for each record. Confidence level indicators for a given address range from within the building to within the geographical area and are reported within the detail section of the data sheet. These indicators have been introduced to all the data sets.

- 2.2** The data used for the Current Potentially Contaminative Industrial Land Use, uses industry classifications based on an understanding of the business undertaken at a given address. An address may appear more than once with different classifications such as Car Servicing & Repair and Exhaust Replacement.
- 2.3** A small percentage of data cannot be geo-coded because of insufficient address details. These records are not loaded into our Legend™ Database, but are returned to the data supplier for improvement.

Geo-coded data

- 3.1** Data provided by the Environment Agency or the Scottish Environment Protection Agency is, in the main, supplied with grid references. For such data sets as abstractions, discharges and pollution incidents the grid references supplied generally have an accuracy of 100 metres.
- 3.2** In the case of the Registered Landfill Sites data set, where no boundary is available, approximate positions of the sites have been supplied using a grid reference point. At present no complete national data set exists for landfill site boundaries, therefore, a point grid reference, provided by the data supplier, is used for some landfill sites. In certain cases the point grid references supplied provide only an approximate position, and can vary from the site entrance to the centre of the site. Where the exact position of the site is unclear, Landmark construct either a 100 metre or 250 metre “buffer” around the point to warn of the possible presence of landfill. The size of this ‘buffer’ relates to the positional accuracy that can be attributed to the site.
- 3.3** Registered landfills may appear in more than one data set. Where this happens they may not appear in exactly the same location due to the differences in data capture and reporting styles from the different suppliers.
- 3.4** Where boundaries are available for landfill sites, the area is shown on the Information Map and is referred to in the map legend as BGS Recorded Landfill Site, Local Authority Recorded Landfill Site, Registered Landfill Site or Licensed Waste Management Facilities (Landfill). A boundary accuracy is allocated to each boundary indicating the confidence of the extent and position of the landfill boundaries.
- 3.5** Potentially Contaminative Use (Past Use) and Potentially Infilled Land covers all potentially contaminative past land uses that can be identified from a selection of large-scale (1:10,560 scale and 1:10,000 scale) Black and White raster Ordnance Survey maps. It includes some 250,000 areas of unknown fill (e.g. quarries, mine workings, brick works and disused canals) and a wide variety of past industrial activities, with more than 400,000 entries (e.g. gas works, timber treatment works, chemical plants, metal foundries and printing works).
- 3.6** Categories of data extracted from Historical Ordnance Survey mapping are listed in the following table.

Potentially Contaminative Use (Past Use)

| Report Description | Remarks |
|--|--|
| Air shafts | Air shafts |
| Animal by-products (i.e. gelatine, soap, glue etc) | Animal by-products (i.e. animal parts) e.g. soaps, candles & bone works |
| Animal slaughtering & basic processing of meat (other than poultry) | Animal slaughtering & basic processing |
| Area liable to flood | Areas 'liable to flood' as indicated on the historical maps |
| Batteries, accumulators & primary cells [manufacture] | Batteries, accumulators, primary cells, electric motors, generators & transformers |
| Brewing & malting | Brewing & malting |
| Cement, lime & plaster products [manufacture] | Concrete, cement, lime & plaster products, also includes lime kilns |
| Cemetery or graveyard | Cemetery, modern burial grounds & graveyards |
| Chemical manufacturing general | Manufacture of cosmetics, manure, fertilisers & pesticides, detergents, oil, organic-based pharmaceuticals, glues, gelatines, recording tapes, photographic film |
| Clay bricks & tiles [manufacture] | Manufacture of clay bricks, breeze blocks & tiles, including associated activities e.g. brick fields, also solitary kilns (other than lime kilns) |
| Coal storage & depot | Coal storage/depot |
| Constructional steelwork, metal structures & products & building materials [manufacture] | Constructional steelwork, metal structures & products & building materials |
| Distribution, telecoms, medical, navigation, metering & lighting equipment [manufacture] | Manufacturing of distribution, telecoms, medical, navigation, metering & lighting |
| Disturbed ground | Disturbed ground greater than 200m in one dimension |
| Domestic appliances [manufacture] | Manufacturing of domestic appliances |
| Dyes & pigments [manufacture] | Dye & pigments |
| Electricity production & distribution (including large transformers) | Electricity generation & distribution, including large transfer stations |
| Factory or works — use not specified | Factory & works — use not specified |
| Food processing — major | Major food processing, includes dairies |
| Former marsh | Feature is only shown when land has subsequently been built on |
| Fuel: retail sale of automotive fuel | Sale of automotive fuel |
| Gas manufacture & distribution | Gas processing/manufacture & oil refining |
| General quarrying | Quarrying of all stone (including limestone, gypsum, chalk & slate) & ores, includes all open-cast mining & slant workings also slate/slab works, flint works, stone yards |
| Glass & glass products excluding flat glass [manufacture] | Flat glass & glass products manufacture |
| Heap, unknown constituents | Must be associated with relevant extraction industry including spoil & slag |
| Heavy product manufacture — rolling & drawing of iron, steel & ferroalloys | Heavy product manufacture, rolling & drawing of iron, steel & ferroalloys includes major tube works |
| Hospitals | All hospitals including sanatoriums but not lunatic asylums |
| Insulated wire & cable [manufacture] | Insulated wire & cable for electrical/telephonic purposes |
| Laundries & dry cleaning | Laundries & dry cleaning |
| Leather tanning & dressing | Tannery, leather goods & skinners |
| Machinery: engines, building & general industrial [manufacture] | Manufacturing of engines, building & general industrial machinery, including nuts & bolts, gas fittings, wire rope & ordnance accessories |
| Metal casting/foundries | Furnaces & metal processing/casting/forges/smelting including ferrous & aluminum alloys, manganese works etc |
| Metals: treatment & coating including electroplating | Electro-plating, galvanising & anodizing |
| Military land | All military establishments including firing ranges (if not specified as civilian) |
| Mineral products non-metallic (including abrasives & asbestos) [miscellaneous manufacture] | Abrasives, asbestos etc |
| Mineral railway | Mineral railways |
| Mining & quarrying general | Areas of mining & single or groups of shafts other than coal & not specified including levels, or adits, etc |
| Mining of coal & lignite | Coal mining, the manufacturing of coke or charcoal included, are associated surface activities in area, also individual coal mine shafts |
| Motor vehicles: maintenance & repair e.g. Garages | Repair & sale of i) cars & bikes, ii) parts, iii) services |
| Natural & man-made textile manufacture & products | Natural & man-made textile manufacture & products including hemp rope |
| Office machinery & computers [manufacture] | Computers, office machinery, business/industrial electrical goods |
| Oil, petroleum, gas, refining & storage | Major oil & petrol storage & all gasometers which are not in gas works |
| Outfalls | Outfalls including warm water, industrial effluent & sewage unless directly attached to other sewerage feature e.g. end of sewer pipe |

Potentially Contaminative Use (Past Use) cont.

| Report Description | Remarks |
|--|--|
| Paints, varnishes, printing inks, mastics & sealants [manufacture] | Paints, varnishes, printing inks, mastics, sealants & creosote |
| Paper packaging products [manufacture] | Pulp, paper & cardboard manufacture |
| Pipelines | Above ground pipelines other than sewerage |
| Plastic goods, all general manufacture, including building, packaging & tubing | All plastic goods, including building, packages, tubing etc & the manufacture of tar, bitumen & asphalt |
| Printing of newspapers | Printing of newspapers |
| Printing: miscellaneous excluding newspapers | Printing other than news print |
| Pulp, commodity grade paper & paperboard manufacture | Paper, card, etc products e.g. Packaging |
| Quarrying of sand & clay, operation of sand & gravel pits | Extraction of alluvial sediments (sand, stone, clay, peat, marl & gravel) |
| Railways | Railway tracks — up to 4 tracks wide |
| Recycling of metal waste & scrap metal | Recycling of metal waste including scrapyards & car breakers |
| Refuse disposal | Refuse & waste disposal including incinerators & sanitary depot |
| Road haulage | Transport depot — road haulage, corporation |
| Rubber natural products manufacture | Natural & synthetic rubber products including tyres & rubber products |
| Sawmilling, planing & impregnation (i.e. Treatment of timber) | Sawmilling, planing & impregnation (i.e. treatment of timber), wood products, telegraph works, timber yard e.g. veneer |
| Sewage | Sewerage, septic-tanks, includes all filter beds |
| Spirit distilling & compounding | Spirit distilling & compounding |
| Tableware & other ceramics [manufacture] | Tableware & other ceramics |
| Technical & environmental testing & analysis | Various technical & environmental testing & analysis |
| Transport manufacturing & repair | Manufacturing & repair including i) ships, ii) aerospace, iii) rail engines & rolling stock |
| Transport support & cargo handling | Boat building, wharf & quays, cargo/transport handling facilities |
| Transport: air & space, cargo & handling & transport support | Air & space transport |
| Transport: light manufacture | Manufacture of cars, lorries, buses, motorcycles, bicycles |
| Weapons & ammunition [manufacture & storage] | Civilian manufacture & storage of weapons, ammunition, explosives & rockets |

Potentially Infilled Land

| Report Description | Remarks |
|--|---|
| Unknown filled ground (pond, marsh, river, stream, dock etc) | These are water features which were previously mapped but which no longer appear on subsequent and current map editions |
| Unknown filled ground (pit, quarry etc) | Natural or man-made depression or unspecified pits |

Historical Tanks and Energy Facilities

The following Categories are used for the data extracted for the Historical tanks and Energy facilities data set. The remarks illustrate how the categories were identified from the maps with an example of the type of text captured.

| Report Description | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Tanks | Tanks, i.e. Fuel Tank, Inspection Tank, Tk. This does not include tanks where the named purpose is not fuel related i.e. Slurry Tank. |
| Potential Tanks | Activities that potentially require a fuel tank on the premises, i.e. Depots and Garages. |
| Petroleum Storage Facilities | Facilities which are likely to hold petroleum i.e. Filling Stations, Petrol Stations and Petroleum Works. |
| Oil Industry Facilities | Facilities used in the oil industry i.e. Oil Depot, Oil and Grease Works, Oil Refinery, not including non petrol-based oils such as Fish Meal and oil works. |
| Gas Industry Facilities | Facilities used in the Gas Industry i.e. Liquid Gas Bottling Plant, Gas Wks |
| Gas Monitoring Facilities | Facilities used to monitor gas production and supply i.e. Gas Governor Station, Gas Valve Compound. |
| Electricity Industry Facilities | Facilities used by the electricity industry i.e. El Gen Sta, Electricity Depot |
| Electrical Sub Station Facilities | Electrical Substations i.e. El Sub Sta, Transmission Sub Station |
| Miscellaneous Power Facilities | Facilities related to power and fuel which were not identified in any other section i.e. Power Station, Fuel Depot. |

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| Aerial Photography | The current available coverage of the imagery is only for England and Wales. The imagery is at a resolution of between 25cm - 50cm. The original scale of the photography was 1:10,000 for the majority of the coverage with certain urban areas taken at a scale of 1:5,000. All images are orthorectified to the Ordnance Survey National Grid and stored in a seamless database. | Getmapping | Raster Mapping | From 2005 | Variable | Aerial Photograph |
| Areas Benefiting from Flood Defences | This data set shows those areas benefiting from demarcated flood defences whereby in a 1% fluvial or 0.5% tidal flood event, areas that would otherwise flood are protected, provided that the defences do not breach. | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | From 2005 | Quarterly | Sensitivity |
| Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty | The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 as amended by the Countryside Act 1968, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and Environment Act 1995, allowed for the designation of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). (The equivalent designations for Scotland are National Scenic Areas). AONBs are landscapes of national conservation importance for their distinctive character and natural beauty. They are generally smaller than National Parks, and are owned by individuals e.g. farmers. Some are adjacent to National Parks and many include areas of Heritage Coast. The aims of AONBs are to enhance and conserve the natural beauty of the landscape; meeting the need for quiet enjoyment and having regard for the interests of those who live and work there. Planning law protects development within them. | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Sensitivity |
| | | Countryside Council for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | |
| | | Countryside Agency | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | |
| BGS Recorded Landfill Sites | This data set relates to a survey of active landfill sites conducted on behalf of the DoE (DEFRA) in 1973. This data is already geo-coded. The survey includes over 3,000 sites accepting waste prior to the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) 1974, and would therefore not have been subject to any strict regulation or monitoring. Further details which may be available from BGS paper records include outline plans, site descriptions, waste types and tipping histories. | British Geological Survey (BGS) | Point or Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Current |
| BGS Recorded Mineral Sites | This data set is geo-coded by BGS. It comprises details of all mines, quarries and mineral sites operating in England, Wales and Scotland since 1993. The original data was compiled by BGS in 1993-94, primarily from their own records and also from information supplied by Local Authorities, the Valuation Office Agency and industrial sources. | British Geological Survey (BGS) | Point & Text | From 1993 | Annually | Current |
| Brine Compensation Area | An area in Cheshire and Greater Manchester that was set out in the Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidence) Act (1891) and the Cheshire Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidence) Act (1952). The areas outlined in these acts were those deemed to be liable to subside as a result of the salt industry. Any damages as a consequence of these activities are eligible for compensation. | Cheshire Brine Subsidence Compensation Board | Polygon | From November 2002 | Not Applicable | Other Factors |
| Coal Mining Affected Areas | This data set is made up of 1km polygon areas which may be affected by coal mining activity. | Coal Authority | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | As notified | Other Factors |
| Contaminated Land Register Entries and Notices | The contaminated land regulations, enacted in 2000, give effect to relevant sections of the Environmental Protection Act (1990) in regards to contaminated land. There are three sets of regulations that relate to England, Scotland and Wales. They are Contaminated Land (England) Regulations 2000 (SSI 227), Contaminated Land (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SI 178), and Contaminated Land (Wales) Regulations 2001 (WSI 2197) respectively. There is also statutory guidance that complements the regulations. The regulations give power to define special sites, contaminated land and to remediate any land defined as contaminated as well as exclude and apportion liability for remediation. This data is collated by Landmark and sourced from the local authorities. | Local Authorities | Point or Polygon & Text | From February 2002 | As notified | Current |

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| Contemporary Trade Directory Entries | This represents a sub-set of the Business Directory compiled by Thomson Directories and is geo-coded by Landmark. The data set allows for comprehensive reporting, with over 400 different classifications that are likely to carry out potentially contaminative uses. The status of the site is also disclosed. | Thomson Directories | Point & Text | From 2001 | Quarterly | Current |
| Control of Major Accident Hazards Sites (COMAH) | This data is geo-coded by Landmark and relates to sites registered under the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations 1999. The Health and Safety Executive in conjunction with the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency keeps records of those sites, where substances are present or in transit in quantities exceeding thresholds set in the regulations. The duties under these regulations are largely dependent on the type and quantities of substance. Following this rationale, sites are subdivided into top and lower tier sites. Sites storing above the specified amounts of hazardous substances and those carrying out particularly toxic or hazardous activities must provide information to the public on the nature of the hazard and action to be taken in the event of an accident. The regulations mainly apply to chemical and petrochemical industries and to those that produce or use substances with flammable, toxic or explosive properties. This legislation replaces the Control of Industrial Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations 1984. | Health and Safety Executive (HSE) | Point & Text | From 1999 | Bi-annually | Current |
| Discharge Consents | For England and Wales, discharge consents are granted with conditions set by the EA under Section 84 (1) of the Water Resources Act 1991. For Scotland, these records are granted by SEPA under the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) 1974 as amended by the Environment Act 1995. These data are geo-coded by the supplier from 1:10,000 or 1:50,000 mapping. In considering whether or not to grant consents the Environment Agency (EA) or Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has to take into account: whether statutory water quality objectives will be met, likely deterioration in water quality downstream and possible effects on other water uses downstream. Conditions are attached to consents in order to minimise effects. Such conditions may be related to discharge quantity; steps to minimise effects of pollution; sampling facilities and records to be maintained. These consents do not apply to discharges to sewers, since the sewerage undertaker regulates these. In addition, only those records that are supplied with a valid national grid reference are included. | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From 1950 (Dependent upon the area of the country) | Quarterly | Current |
| | | Scottish Environment Protection Agency | Point & Text | From 1950 | Variable | |
| Drift Deposits | Based on the British Geological Survey solid-geology mapping at a scale of 1:625,000, this should be considered as only indicative, due to the low resolution of the source mapping. In many areas 'drift deposits' may occur at the surface and form the material which underlies the site. The terms solid and drift are widely used to distinguish between geologically old rocks and recent deposits that are mainly glacial. Solid geology refers to the 'consolidated' strata deposited before the last glacial period deposits and are those regarded as county-rock or bedrock. Drift geology usually refers to the overlying sands, gravels, peat and alluvium deposited during and after glacial times. | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | Not applicable | Not applicable | Sensitivity |
| | | British Geological Survey (BGS) | Polygon & Text | Not applicable | Not applicable | |
| | | Ordnance Survey | | | | |
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| Enforcement and Prohibition Notices | This data set is geo-coded by Landmark and contains any enforcement and prohibition notices relating to IPC authorised processes, which are brought under Section 23 (1) of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990. If the Environment Agency or the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, believes that the conditions of an authorisation have been breached it can serve an enforcement notice on the operator which requires remediation of the situation within a specified time. If the situation involves 'imminent risk of serious pollution of the environment', a prohibition notice may be served, requiring immediate closure of the process. It is an offence to operate a prescribed process without an authorisation, or to contravene conditions of an enforcement notice without reasonable excuse. | Various | Point & Text | From 1990 | As notified | Current |
| Environmentally Sensitive Areas | These are designated by the Secretary of State under Section 18 of the Agriculture Act 1986 to encourage landowners to manage land to safeguard and enhance nature conservation, landscape and cultural interest. Individual Statutory Instruments set out the terms and conditions of the management agreements for each designated area. ESA agreement holders receive an annual payment in return for adopting measures designed to conserve and enhance the area, under the terms of the agreement. | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Scottish Executive | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | |
| | | National Assembly for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | |
| Explosive Sites | This data is geo-coded by Landmark and contains details of sites subject to the Explosive Act 1875 and 1923 (as amended) and ports licensed under the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Area Regulations 1987. | Health and Safety Executive (HSE) | Point & Text | From 1999 | Bi-annually | Current |
| Extreme Flooding from Rivers or Sea without Defences (Zone 2) | Flood Zones are defined by the Government's Planning Policy Statement 25 on 'Development and Flood Risk' for England (PPS25) dated December 2006, which replaces Planning Policy Guidance 25: Development and Flood Risk (PPG25), published in July 2001. The Flood Zones are defined in table D.1 of PPS25 and illustrate the probability of flooding across England for planning consultation and have been identified using the best available data held by the Environment Agency ignoring the presence of flood defences. This data set is Flood Zone 2 (Medium Probability), which comprises areas of land assessed as having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1000 annual probability of river flooding (1% – 0.1%) or between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1000 annual probability of sea flooding (0.5% – 0.1%) in any year. This definition of Flood Zone 2 applies only in England. Equivalent data is also provided for Wales, although in Wales the data does not have the same relationship to Planning Policy and is not referred to as Flood Zones. | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | From 2005 | Quarterly | Sensitivity |
| Flood Defences | This is the Environment Agency's holding of Linear Flood Defences. This data set contains all flood defences constructed during the last five years with a standard of protection equal to or better than 1% for rivers and 0.5% from the sea. Some additional defences, which may be older or may have been designed to provide a lower standard of protection, are also shown where the information is currently available. This layer comprises linear flood defences, for example flood embankments and walls. | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | From 2005 | Quarterly | Sensitivity |
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| Flooding from Rivers or Sea without Defences (Zone 3) | <p>Flood Zones are defined by the Government's Planning Policy Statement 25 on 'Development and Flood Risk' for England (PPS25) dated December 2006, which replaces Planning Policy Guidance 25: Development and Flood Risk (PPG25), published in July 2001.</p> <p>The Flood Zones are defined in table D.1 of PPS25 and illustrate the probability of flooding across England for planning consultation and have been identified using the best available data held by the Environment Agency ignoring the presence of flood defences.</p> <p>This data set combines Flood Zone 3a (High Probability) and Flood Zone 3b (The Functional Flood-plain).</p> <p>Flood Zone 3a comprises land assessed as having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding (>1%) or a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of flooding from the sea (>0.5%) in any year.</p> <p>Flood Zone 3b comprises land where water has to flow or be stored in times of flood. Strategic Flood Risk Assessments (SFRAs) should identify this Flood Zone (land which would flood with an annual probability of 1 in 20 (5%) or greater in any year or is designed to flood in an extreme (0.1%) flood, or at another probability to be agreed between the LPA and the Environment Agency, including water conveyance routes).</p> <p>These definitions of Flood Zone 3a and 3b apply only in England. Equivalent data is also provided for Wales, although in Wales the data does not have the same relationship to Planning Policy and is not referred to as Flood Zones.</p> | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | From 2005 | Quarterly | Sensitivity |
| Flood Water Storage Areas | The Environment Agency's holding of 'Flood Storage Areas'. A flood storage area may be referred to as a balancing reservoir, storage basin or balancing pond. Its purpose is to attenuate an incoming flood peak to a flow level that can be accepted by the downstream channel. It may also delay the timing of a flood peak so that its volume is discharged over a longer time interval. | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | From 2005 | Quarterly | Sensitivity |
| Forest Parks | These areas have various designations dependent on recreational, conservation and scenic interest. | Forest Enterprise | Polygon | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Sensitivity |
| Former Marshes | Locations of former marshes as derived from historic Ordnance survey 10,560 mapping | Ordnance Survey | Polygon | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Historic |
| Fuel Station Entries | This data is geo-coded by Landmark and comprises records held on the Catalist fuel database, which provides the location of petrol stations, diesel stations, supermarkets etc. throughout Great Britain. The data set includes information on the status of the site, whether it is active, and the brand of petrol sold. | Catalist | Point & Text | From 1997 | Quarterly | Current |
| Groundwater Vulnerability | <p>This is a text report based on the 1:100,000 mapping for England and Wales. For Scotland this text report is based on the 1:625,000 mapping. Due to its crude resolution this report should be considered as indicative only.</p> <p>This data set gives information regarding location of sensitive water resource, soil classification and whether there are any drift deposits present.</p> <p>Groundwater, which is contained within underground strata (aquifers), is usually of high quality, being utilised for potable water and various other industrial and agricultural uses. It is vulnerable to contamination from direct discharges into the groundwater and indirect discharges onto or into land and since decontamination is difficult, expensive and prolonged, it is important to prevent pollution of these resources.</p> <p>To assess the vulnerability of groundwater to contamination, features of the soil and geology need to be considered, since these will influence the leaching characteristics and hence the downward movement of pollutants.</p> | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Sensitivity |
| | | British Geological Survey (BGS) | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | |
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| Historical Flood Liabilities | From historical mapping dating back to the middle of the 19th century, Landmark’s Systematic Analysis Department has identified where areas liable to flooding have been recognized. This is drawn from a series of up to six historic map editions - up to four Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 County Series Maps (usually pre-W.W.II), the first National Grid Black and White raster 1:10,560 map and the last National Grid edition Black and White raster map at 1:10,000 scale. | Landmark | Point & Text | From 1850 | Not Applicable | Sensitivity |
| | | Ordnance Survey | Point & Text | From 1850 | Not Applicable | |
| Historical Tanks And Energy Facilities | This data set contains facilities related to petroleum and energy storage including: tanks, petrol storage, potential tanks, electricity sub stations and related features, gas and gas monitoring related features, oil related features and miscellaneous power features. It has been captured from post war 1:2500 and 1:1250 Ordnance Survey historical mapping covering a period from 1943 to 1996. | Landmark | Point | From 2003 | Not Applicable | Historical Land Use Section |
| Integrated Pollution Controls | This data is geo-coded by Landmark and comprises of records maintained under the EPA (Prescribed Processes and Substances) Regulations 1991, under Integrated Pollution Control (IPC). These regulations were progressively implemented from 1 April 1991 in England and Wales and 1 April 1992 in Scotland. These are sites where larger, more polluting industries, hold authorisations to emit discharges direct to land, water or air. Applications for authorisation under IPC must consider the full impact of all releases to air, water and land. The Agency incorporates conditions which ensure that the operator uses the Best Available Techniques Not Entailing Excessive Cost (BATNEEC), to minimise or prevent releases of certain substances and to render such substances harmless. Authorised process operators are required to submit an annual emissions report. BATNEEC is not applicable in Scotland. | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From 1991 | Quarterly | Current |
| | | Scottish Environment Protection Agency | Point & Text | From 1992 | Variable | |
| Integrated Pollution Control Registered Waste Sites | This data is maintained under the EPA (Prescribed Processes and Substances) Regulations 1991, under Integrated Pollution Control (IPC). These regulations were progressively implemented from 1 April 1991 in England and Wales and 1 April 1992 in Scotland. Landmark extracts and geo-codes data for waste sites regulated under Part 1 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990, from those maintained under the Environmental Protection Regulations (Prescribed Processes and Substances) 1991 relating to sites emitting discharges direct to air, water or land. Applications for authorisation under IPC must consider the full impact of all releases to air, water and land. The Agency incorporates conditions, which ensure that the operator uses the Best Available Techniques Not Entailing Excessive Cost (BATNEEC), to minimise or prevent releases of certain substances and to render such substances harmless. Authorised process operators are required to submit an annual emissions report. BATNEEC is not applicable in Scotland. | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From 1991 | Quarterly | Current |
| | | Scottish Environment Protection Agency | Point & Text | From 1992 | Variable | |
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| Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control | <p>This data is geo-coded by Landmark and comprises of records maintained under the Integrated Prevention Pollution and Control Act (1999). This applies to processes once classified as Integrated Pollution Control and Local Authority Air Pollution Control under Part I and Part II of the Environmental Protection Act (1990) for England, Wales and Scotland.</p> <p>There are A and B installations which are regulated by the Environment Agency and Local Authorities respectively. In Scotland the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) regulates both A and B installations. The regulations are being progressively introduced, to 2007, depending on the regulated activity.</p> <p>Currently, no data are available from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for Scotland. In the case of England and Wales these data are solely sourced from the Environment Agency.</p> | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From May 2001 | Quarterly | Current |
| Licensed Waste Management Facilities (Landfill Boundaries) | <p>This data covers consents for landfill sites issued by the Environment Agency under Section 64 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Part II) and prescribed by Regulation 10 of SI No.1056 the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994. The boundaries of these sites are supplied by the EA and currently only relate to active landfill sites.</p> | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | From 1974 | Quarterly | Current |
| Licensed Waste Management Facilities (Locations) | <p>This data covers consents issued for current or recently current waste management licence by the Environment Agency, under Section 64 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Part II) and prescribed by Regulation 10 of SI No.1056 the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994. Currently, this data is only available for England and Wales.</p> | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From 1974 | Quarterly | Current |
| Local Authority Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control | <p>This data is collected, collated and geo-coded by Landmark and comprises Local Authority Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (LAIPPC) records, maintained under the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999.</p> <p>The system of Local Authority Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (LA-IPPC) applies an integrated environmental approach to the regulation of certain industrial activities (A2 installations). It involves determining the appropriate controls for industry to protect the environment through a single permitting process. This means that emissions to air, water (including discharges to sewer) and land, plus a range of other activities with an environmental impact, must be considered together.</p> <p>IPPC aims to prevent emissions and waste production and where that is not practicable, reduce them to acceptable levels.</p> <p>The Environment Agency regulates the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) regime, which covers A1 installations. Local authorities regulate the regimes: LAIPPC (A2 installations) and Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control (LAPPC) (Part B) installations.</p> <p>Together, the three systems described above will gradually replace the pollution control regime set up under Part I of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. This will be completed by the end of 2007.</p> <p>Currently, no data is available from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for Scotland. In the case of England and Wales this data is sourced solely from Local Authorities.</p> | Local Authorities | Point & Text | From 2004 | Annually | Current |
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| Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control | This data is collected, collated and geo-coded by Landmark. The records relate to authorisations granted under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and permits issued under the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999. Processes for which consent is required are specified in the legislation and are separated into Part A and Part B processes. Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control (LAPPC) are Part B processes. In England and Wales, Local Authorities regulate LAPPC, whereas in Scotland responsibility for regulating Part B processes transferred to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency in 1996. | Local Authorities | Point & Text | From 1991 | Annually | Current |
| | | Scottish Environment Protection Agency | Point & Text | From 1996 | Variable | |
| Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control Enforcements | This data is collected, collated and geo-coded by Landmark. The records relate to enforcements that have been served on authorisations granted under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and permits issued under the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999. Processes for which consent is required are specified in the legislation and are separated into Part A and Part B processes. Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control (LAPPC) are Part B processes. The data is limited to England and Wales, and has been collected from Local Authority public register records since December 2000 where available. Currently, no data is available from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for Scotland. | Local Authorities Point & Text | Point & Text | From December 2000 | Annually | Current |
| Local Authority Recorded Landfill Sites | This data is sourced from individual Local Authorities that were able to provide information on sites operating prior to the introduction of the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) in 1974. Where these records have been passed by the Local Authority to the appropriate environment Agency the data was not collected from the Local Authority. Prior to the COPA legislation powers to control waste in the interest of public health were the responsibility of individual Local Authorities. These data have been collated and captured by Landmark. | Landmark | Point or Polygon & Text | From 2001 | Not Applicable | Current |
| Local Nature Reserves | These reserves are areas created by Local Authorities in conjunction with their appropriate national authority in the interest of conservation, amenity value and public enjoyment of the countryside. Some, but not all Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) are also designated SSSIs. They are controlled by bylaws. | Natural England | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Countryside Council for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | |
| | | Local Authorities | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | As notified | |
| | | Scottish Natural Heritage | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | |
| Man-Made Cavities | This dataset contains information on cavities produced by mining activity in the past for the extraction of chalk, flint and other minerals. The data has GB coverage. | Peter Brett Associates | Point | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | Other Factors |
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| Marine Nature Reserves | <p>These reserves have been designated under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Sections 36 and 37 to conserve inter-tidal and shallow-sea ecosystems and coastal features. This is the only statutory designation which specifically relates to marine areas below the low-water mark.</p> <p>For the England data set, the site boundary defines the extent of the designated land, though within this there may be areas excluded from the designation. The boundary may follow a mapped feature, such as a hedge or stream, or it may follow a feature such as Mean Low Water mark, which is liable to change.</p> <p>Most sites are digitised using the Ordnance Survey 1:10,000 maps as a guide. Certain very small sites are digitised using much larger scale mapping e.g. 1:1,250 and 1:2,500 to obtain a more accurate representation of the designated land.</p> <p>For the Welsh data set, areas are digitised from base mapping at a scale 1:10,000. The boundaries are not the definitive version of the designated area: the legally definitive boundary is shown on notification maps sent to the landowners or occupiers and can be obtained from the Countryside Council for Wales local office.</p> <p>At present there are no Marine Nature Reserves in Scotland.</p> | Natural England | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Countryside Council for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | |
| Mining Instability | <p>Mining Instability is a data set based on the findings of a report completed by Ove Arup and Partners in December 1991 commissioned by the former Department of the Environment ("DoE").</p> <p>It forms part of the Geology and Minerals Planning Research Programme of the DoE, aimed at assessing the significance of environmental hazards and their influence on planning and control of development. The main objective of the data is to indicate where mining should be borne in mind when considering planning and development of land.</p> | Ove Arup & Partners | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Other Factors |
| National Nature Reserves | <p>These reserves have been designated under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, Section 19, as areas of high national or international importance for nature conservation. They are designated by Natural England, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Countryside Council for Wales.</p> <p>There are three main categories of tenure for National Nature Reserves. These areas are owned, leased or managed by their relevant authority.</p> <p>National Nature Reserves are Sites of Special Scientific Interest, and may have coastal frontage or be offshore islands.</p> <p>These are digitised from base mapping at a scale 1:10,000. The boundaries are not the definitive version of the designated area: the legally definitive boundary is shown on notification maps sent to the landowners or occupiers and can be obtained from the authorities' local offices.</p> <p>For the England data set, the site boundary defines the extent of the designated land, though within this there may be areas excluded from the designation. The boundary may follow a mapped feature, such as a hedge or stream, or it may follow a feature such as Mean Low Water mark, which is liable to change.</p> <p>Most sites are digitised using the Ordnance Survey 1:10,000 maps as a guide. Certain very small sites are digitised using much larger scale mapping e.g. 1:1,250 and 1:2,500 to obtain a more accurate representation of the designated land.</p> | Natural England | Point & Polygon | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Countryside Council for Wales | Point & Polygon | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | |
| | | Scottish Natural Heritage | Point & Polygon | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | |
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| National Parks | These areas are established under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and designated with the co-operation of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Natural England, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. National Parks are extensive areas of attractive and relatively wild countryside. Their aim is to provide protection for the countryside and associated ways of life found within them. They also serve to provide opportunities for recreation. National Parks are largely owned by farmers, individuals, public bodies (e.g. the Forestry Commission) and voluntary organisations (e.g. National Trust). | Countryside Agency | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | Sensitivity |
| | | National Assembly for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | |
| | | Scottish Natural Heritage | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | |
| National Scenic Areas | These areas are Scotland's only national landscape designation and are the equivalent to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. They are areas considered to be of national significance on the basis of their outstanding scenic interest or attractiveness. They have been selected for their characteristic feature of scenery, which include prominent landforms, coastline, sea and freshwater lochs, rivers, woodlands and moorlands. | Scottish Natural Heritage | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | Sensitivity |
| Natural Cavities | This dataset contains details of naturally formed cavities as produced by the processes of dissolution, cambering, marine erosion and other processes. The 'other processes' includes a variety of cavity forms such as soil piping, scour hollows, fault movement and erosion of natural discontinuities in rocks by the action of water. The dataset has GB coverage. | Peter Brett Associates | Point & Polygon | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | Other Factors |
| Nearest Surface Water Feature | Data derived from Ordnance Survey Land-LineTM data. | Ordnance Survey | Digital Mapping | Current | Annually | Sensitivity |
| Non-Coal Mining | This dataset does not include mining from coal; coal mining is specifically excluded from this dataset. The polygon outlines are derived from BGS 1:50,000 scale DigimapGB data, plus additional information derived from expert knowledge and literature to define areas of potential hazard from past underground mining activity. The dataset describes classes used to differentiate the areas with different degrees of the potential for the existence of underground working resulting from non-coal mining activities. They are based on a combination of geological factors relating to the known and suspected locations of workings. This data does not describe an assessment of mining instability but identifies the likelihood of the existence of past non-coal mining at a particular point. It does not attempt to classify a risk of instability. | British Geological Survey | Polygon | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Other Factors |
| Notification of Installations Handling Hazardous Substances (NIHHS) | This data is sites that come under the Notification of Installations Handling Hazardous Substances (NIHHS) Regulations 1982 and are geo-coded by Landmark. These regulations specify dangerous substances and the quantities of these substances trigger obligations to notify the HSE of their use three months before such use commences. The NIHHS Regulations require emergency plans to be kept up to date and regularly tested. The list of notifiable substances is divided into specifically named substances. Notification is required for all sites on land, as well as jetties, piers and other structures in UK inland waters proposing use of such substances. | Health and Safety Executive (HSE) | Point & Text | From 1999 | Not Applicable | Sensitivity |
| Ordnance Survey Mastermap® | Digital large-scale mapping of the whole of England Scotland and Wales. | Ordnance Survey | Digital Mapping | Current | Quarterly | Location Map |
| Planning Hazardous Substance Consents | This data is collected, collated and geo-coded by Landmark. The records relate to consents granted under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 as amended, for England and Wales and the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997, in Scotland. The regulations require a consent to be granted by the Local Authority for sites where the storage of certain hazardous substances is above the specified or controlled quantity. | Local Authorities | Point & Text | From 1992 | Annually | Current |
| | | Health and Safety Executive (Scotland) | Point & Text | From 1995 | Annually | |

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| Planning Hazardous Substance Enforcements | This data is collected, collated and geo-coded by Landmark. The records relate to consents granted under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 as amended, for England and Wales and the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997, in Scotland. If the conditions set in consents are breached, the authority serves an order or enforcement notice on the relevant party. Enforcement notices may reinforce an existing condition or require the operator to remedy the cause of the breach within a specified period. Once the enforcement conditions are met, the authority has powers to withdraw the notice. | Local Authorities | Point & Text | From 1992 | Annually | Current |
| | | Health and Safety Executive (Scotland) | Point & Text | From 1995 | As notified | |
| Potential for Collapsible Ground Stability Hazards. | This assessment is based on data produced by the British Geological Survey ("BGS") using the latest geological mapping information and interpretation by BGS geologists. Maps of this natural subsidence hazard are derived from 1:50,000 geological maps. In small areas of the country where the 1:50,000 scale data is not available, 1:250,000 mapping for bedrock geology and 1:625,000 for Superficial geology has been used. Collapsible ground occurs when certain types of ground, that have an open porous structure with large pore spaces, collapse when too great a load is placed on them or when they become saturated when a lesser load is applied | British Geological Survey | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | Other Factors |
| Potential for Compressible Ground Stability Hazards | This assessment is based on data produced by the British Geological Survey ("BGS") using the latest geological mapping information and interpretation by BGS geologists. Maps of this natural subsidence hazard are derived from 1:50,000 geological maps. In small areas of the country where the 1:50,000 scale data is not available, 1:250,000 mapping for bedrock geology and 1:625,000 for Superficial geology has been used. Certain types of ground, such as that developed beneath river plains, can contain very soft layers or pockets. These can compress under the weight of overlying structures, such as buildings, resulting in progressive depression of the ground and disturbance of foundations. | British Geological Survey | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | Other Factors |
| Potential for Ground Dissolution Stability Hazards | This assessment is based on data produced by the British Geological Survey ("BGS") using the latest geological mapping information and interpretation by BGS geologists. Maps of this natural subsidence hazard are derived from 1:50,000 geological maps. In small areas of the country where the 1:50,000 scale data is not available, 1:250,000 mapping for bedrock geology and 1:625,000 for Superficial geology has been used. Ground dissolution occurs when certain types of bedrock contain layers of material that can dissolve within the ground water. This can cause underground cavities to develop that, with time, can reach the surface and cause significant ground movement, such as the development of collapse hollows that can directly impinge on buildings. | British Geological Survey | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | Other Factors |
| Potential for Landslide Ground Stability Hazards | This assessment is based on data produced by the British Geological Survey ("BGS") using the latest geological mapping information and interpretation by BGS geologists. Maps of this natural subsidence hazard are derived from 1:50,000 geological maps. In small areas of the country where the 1:50,000 scale data is not available, 1:250,000 mapping for bedrock geology and 1:625,000 for Superficial geology has been used. The Potential for Slope instability occurs due to particular types of slope becoming unstable under certain circumstances, causing down-slope movement of the ground and disruption to buildings. A combination of factors, including, amongst others, the rock type, the presence of excess water (natural or relating to man-made activity), the angle of the slope, and construction work, for example, cuttings or embankments, can all contribute. | British Geological Survey | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | Other Factors |

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| Potential for Running Sand Ground Stability Hazards | This assessment is based on data produced by the British Geological Survey ("BGS") using the latest geological mapping information and interpretation by BGS geologists. Maps of this natural subsidence hazard are derived from 1:50,000 geological maps. In small areas of the country where the 1:50,000 scale data is not available, 1:250,000 mapping for bedrock geology and 1:625,000 for Superficial geology has been used. Running sand occurs when loosely-packed sand flows (runs) because water flowing through the spaces between the grains reduces the contact between the grains and they are swept along in the flowing water. This may happen where springs occur at the base of sand outcrops, where excavations in sand go below the water table, around leaking drains or water pipes. | British Geological Survey | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | Other Factors |
| Potential for Shrinking or Swelling Clay Ground Stability Hazards | This assessment is based on data produced by the British Geological Survey ("BGS") using the latest geological mapping information and interpretation by BGS geologists. Maps of this natural subsidence hazard are derived from 1:50,000 geological maps. In small areas of the country where the 1:50,000 scale data is not available, 1:250,000 mapping for bedrock geology and 1:625,000 for superficial geology has been used. Shrinking/Swelling Clay can change volume due to variation in ground moisture. This can cause ground movement, particularly in the upper 2 metres of the ground, which may affect foundations. Ground moisture variations can be related to a number of factors, including weather variations (annual or longer term), vegetation effects (particularly growth or removal of trees) and man-made activity. | British Geological Survey | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Annually | Other Factors |
| Potentially Contaminative Industrial Uses (Past Land Uses) | From historical mapping, dating back to the middle of the 19th century, Landmark's Systematic Analysis has identified areas where, historically, the land uses were potentially contaminative. This is drawn from a series of up to six historic map editions - up to four Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 County Series Maps (usually pre-W.W.II), the first National Grid Black and White raster 1:10,560 map and the last National Grid edition Black and White raster map at 1:10,000 scale. | Landmark | Point, Polygon & Text | From 1850 | Not Applicable | Historic |
| | | Ordnance Survey | Point, Polygon & Text | From 1850 | Not Applicable | |
| Potentially Infilled Land | From historical mapping dating back to the middle of the 19th century, Landmark's Systematic Analysis Department has identified areas where cavities and areas of water or marsh have potentially been infilled with materials. This is drawn from a series of up to six historic map editions - up to four Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 County Series Maps (usually pre-W.W.II), the first National Grid Black and White raster 1:10,560 map and the last National Grid edition Black and White raster map at 1:10,000 scale. | Landmark | Point, Polygon & Text | From 1850 | Not Applicable | Historic |
| | | Ordnance Survey | Point, Polygon & Text | From 1850 | Not Applicable | |
| Prosecutions Relating to Authorised Processes | This data set is geo-coded by Landmark and contains any prosecutions relating to IPC authorised processes, which are brought under Section 23 (1) of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990. If the conditions of an authorisation have been breached, the Environment Agency or the Scottish Environment Protection Agency can prosecute the operator. It is an offence to operate a prescribed process without an authorisation, or to contravene its conditions. | Various | Point & Text | From 1991 | As notified | Current |
| Prosecutions Relating to Controlled Waters | This data set is geo-coded by Landmark and includes actions brought under the provision of the Water Resources Act 1991 | Various | Point & Text | From 1996 | As notified | Current |
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| Radon Potential | <p>This data set, created jointly by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) and the British Geological Survey (BGS), provides the current definitive map of Radon Affected Areas in England and Wales.</p> <p>Radon is a natural radioactive gas, which enters buildings from the ground. Outdoors, it is diluted to very low levels. However, in some cases the radon level indoors can build up to high concentrations, posing a serious risk to health. The Health Protection Agency recommends that radon levels should be reduced in homes where the annual average is at or above 200 becquerels per cubic metre (200 Bq m⁻³). This is termed the Action Level.</p> <p>The data set allows an estimate to be made of the probability that an individual property in England and Wales is at or above the Action Level for radon. The Health Protection Agency defines Radon Affected Areas as those with 1% chance or more of a house having a radon concentration at or above the Action Level. The Health Protection Agency recommends that people in Affected Areas should test their homes for radon.</p> <p>The Radon Potential data set also provides information on the level of protection required for new dwellings under BR211 (1999) Radon: guidance on protective measures for new dwellings. Where it is estimated that the radon concentration in 3% or more of homes exceeds the Action Level, basic protective measures need to be installed in new dwellings (and extensions to existing ones). Where it is estimated that the radon concentration in 10% or more of homes exceeds the Action Level, full protective measures need to be installed. Whether or not a home is in fact above or below the Action Level can only be established by having the building tested.</p> | British Geological Survey (BGS) and Health Protection Agency (HPA) | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | As notified | Other Factors |
| Ramsar Sites | <p>Under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat, the Government is committed to designate 'Wetlands of International Importance'. The Convention was adopted in Ramsar, Iran in 1971 and ratified by the UK Government in 1976.</p> <p>The purpose is to stem progressive encroachment on and loss of wetlands now and in the future. Aims include the conservation, management and wise use of migratory wildfowl stocks and to promote the conservation of wetlands.</p> <p>Wetlands are areas of peat land, fen, marsh or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water.</p> | Natural England | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Countryside Council for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | |
| | | Scottish Natural Heritage | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-annually | |
| Registered Landfill Sites | This data was sourced from public registers, which were visited annually. The data set covers consents that were issued by the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, under the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) 1974 and Section 36 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990. The data relates to open and closed sites, licensed for the landfill of waste. Some site polygons are available. | Landmark | Point or Polygon & Text | From 1976 | Not Applicable | Current |
| Registered Radioactive Substances | <p>This data set is geo-coded by Landmark and refers to Licences granted under the Radioactive Substances Act (RSA) 1993. This Act controls the storage, use and disposal of radioactive substances, through authorisation and registration systems and provides access to information regarding sites holding such consents.</p> <p>The Act applies to Crown premises, including mobile radioactive apparatus, but does not cover navy, army, air force, or visiting forces or the Secretary of State for Defence.</p> | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From 1991 | Quarterly | Current |
| | | Scottish Environment Protection Agency | Point & Text | From 1970 | Variable | |
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| Registered Waste Transfer Sites | This data was sourced from public registers, which were visited annually. The data set covers consents that were issued by the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, under the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) 1974 and Section 36 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990. The data relates to open and closed sites, licensed for waste transfer. Some site polygons are available. | Landmark | Point or Polygon & Text | From 1976 | Not Applicable | Current |
| Registered Waste Treatment or Disposal Sites | This data was sourced from public registers, which were visited annually. The data set covers consents that were issued by the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, under the Control of Pollution Act (COPA) 1974 and Section 36 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990. This dataset comprises details of open and closed sites, licensed for waste treatment or disposal. Some site polygons are available. | Landmark | Point or Polygon & Text | From 1976 | Not Applicable | Current |
| River Flood Data (Scotland) | This raster data comprises 50m cells covering mainland UK and was generated using a generalised technique. The display of this flood hazard therefore is indicative only. It is divided into levels based on the frequency and magnitude of a predicted 100 year term. | Centre for Ecology and Hydrology | Raster Cells | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Sensitivity |
| Shallow Mining Hazard | This assessment is based on data produced by the British Geological Survey (BGS) using the latest geological mapping information and interpretation by BGS geologists. Maps of shallow mining hazard are derived from 1:50,000 and 1:250,000 geological maps plus analysis of historical mine plans, enhanced by local geological knowledge built up during detailed geological mapping. This assessment takes into account many types of mining in addition to coal, such as ironstone or limestone extraction. Shallow mining has been defined as workings within 40 metres of the ground surface, and does not include deeper mine workings. Shallow mine workings may have a greater potential for generating ground movement at the surface than deeper workings. Although mining hazard can cause the ground movement, it will not necessarily cause building movement as this depends on the type and age of the building in the area of search. | British Geological Survey | Polygon & Text | From 1994 | Bi-annually | Other Factors |
| Sites of Special Scientific Interest | These Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) have been designated under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 28 to protect areas of important flora, fauna, geological and/or physiographical features. They provide the basis for other national and international designations. Parties notified include site owner(s) and occupier(s), local planning authorities, water and sewerage companies, and the appropriate Secretary of State. The Land Registry also records these as local land changes. The appropriate party must be consulted on developments, or notified of potentially damaging operations, which may affect an SSSI. Most SSSIs are privately owned or managed. Others are owned or managed by public bodies such as the Forestry Commission, Ministry of Defence and the Crown Estate, or by the voluntary conservation movement. Some SSSIs are also designated as Special Protection Areas and Ramsar Sites. | Natural England | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Scottish Natural Heritage | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | |
| | | Countryside Council for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | |
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| Source Protection Zones | Source Protection Zones, together with the Groundwater Vulnerability Map, have been developed to support the Environment Agency's Groundwater Protection Policy in an attempt to protect groundwater sources. They represent areas in England and Wales that form the catchments to water supplies that are potentially vulnerable to contamination from polluting activities. The criteria has been assigned to nearly 2000 major groundwater supplies. Different areas have been designated to the groundwater source catchments depending primarily upon the time it would take a pollutant to reach the source. Boreholes and springs, which are the abstraction points for the groundwater, have also been identified. | Environment Agency | Polygon & Text | From 2000 | As published | Sensitivity |
| Special Areas of Conservation | Special Areas of Conservation are lands designated under the ECC Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Fauna and Flora (92/43/EEC), commonly known as the Habitats and Species Directive. These sites are to be afforded absolute protection subject to 'imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature'. Member States had until June 1995 to propose areas it wished to come under the provisions of the Directive. During 1998, the final list was due to be produced by The Commission, in co-operation with the Member States, who then have until June 2004 to designate selected sites as Special Areas of Conservation. | Natural England | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Scottish Natural Heritage | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | |
| | | Countryside Council for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | |
| Special Protection Areas | Special Protection Areas are classified under Article 4 of the EC Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds 1979, commonly known as the Wild Birds Directive. In Great Britain the designation is operated through the same method as that for Sites of Special Scientific Interest. The purpose of Special Protection Areas is to safeguard the habitats of migratory and certain particularly threatened bird species. Together with Special Areas of Conservation, they constitute 'Natura 2000' areas for protection. | Natural England | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Scottish Natural Heritage | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | |
| | | Countryside Council for Wales | Polygon & Text | Not Applicable | Bi-Annually | |
| Streetview | 1:10,000 scale raster National Grid providing national coverage of Great Britain. This is derived from the Ordnance Survey Landplan® and OSCAR Traffic-Manager® road information. | Ordnance Survey | Raster Mapping | Current | Bi-Annually | Detail Maps |
| Substantiated Pollution Incident Register | This data is derived from public register information and related to substantiated pollution incident data that the Agency has deemed closed. The records relate to specific events which have been brought to the attention of the Agency and fall within their responsibility given that they may have an environmental and/or operational impact. Incidents are based on reports from members of the public, emergency services, local authorities, government departments, other regulators, industry, and agency staff. Examples may include reports that may affect land, air, and water, fish kills, illegal abstraction, low river flows, speeding vessels, and flooding. Public register information is provided by regional offices and incidents are supplied ready geo-coded based on 1:10,000 mapping. The system is a two tier in nature, looking at environmental protection and water management. Incidents are graded from category 1 (Major Incident) to category 4 (No Impact). An impact category must be assigned for each affected environmental media; air, land, and water. An impact level is assigned to a particular incident but is determined by the maximum severity affecting one of the three media. Currently, this data is only available for England and Wales. | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From 2001 | Quarterly | Current |
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| Water Abstractions | This data set is supplied ready geo-coded (based on 1:50,000 mapping) collected under the Water Resources Acts 1963 and 1991. Under this Act, the Environment Agency has a duty to take action, when necessary, in order to conserve, re-distribute, or increase water resources in England and Wales, and to secure its proper use. The Agency may also draw up provisions for determining acceptable flows or minimum volumes for inland waters. Those wishing to abstract water above a specified quantity must apply to the Agency for Abstraction Licences and adhere to the conditions that apply. These records are held under Scottish legislation to protect the public water supply. These records therefore relate only to public water supplies. It should be noted that only those records supplied with a valid national grid reference are included. | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From 1995 | Bi-annually | Sensitivity |
| | | Scottish Executive | Point & Text | From 1995 | Variable | |
| Water Industry Act Referrals | The Environment Agency is given powers to regulate some discharges to public sewers or certain dangerous substances under the Water Industry Act 1991 (WIA 91). These powers and the Regulations SI 1156 of 1989 (and amendments) establish the regulatory regime and Schedules of prescribed processes and prescribed substances which are to be controlled - defined under the Act as Special Category Effluents. Water Industry Act Referrals are Special Category Effluents containing particular substances, or deriving from specific processes, discharging to public sewers. Such processes include: any process for the production of chlorinated organic chemicals; any process for the manufacture of asbestos cement, paper or board; any process for the manufacture of paper pulp; any industrial process in which cooling water or effluents are chlorinated. This is not a complete list and does not indicate whether a referral has been given consent or otherwise. | Environment Agency | Point & Text | From 1991 | Quarterly | Current |
| | | Scottish Environment Protection Agency | Point & Text | From 1991 | Variable | |
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Appendix 3 - The National Grid

All map references provided in the **Sitecheck Assess** report are National Grid References, even where they refer to data taken from an historical map that predates the establishment of the National Grid referencing system in 1938. Landmark has a unique capability to transpose data between the earlier County Series maps and the modern National Grid based mapping.

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| NF (08) | NG (18) | NH (28) | NJ (38) | NK (48) | | |
| NL (07) | NM (17) | NN (27) | NO (37) | | | |
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| | NW (15) | NX (25) | NY (35) | NZ (45) | | |
| | | SC (24) | SD (34) | SE (44) | TA (54) | |
| | | SH (23) | SJ (33) | SK (43) | TF (53) | TG (63) |
| | SM (12) | SN (22) | SO (32) | SP (42) | TL (52) | TM (62) |
| | SR (11) | SS (21) | ST (31) | SU (41) | TQ (51) | TR (61) |
| SV (00) | SW (10) | SX (20) | SY (30) | SZ (40) | TV (50) | |

The National Grid provides a unique reference system to locate any point in Great Britain. Landmark, in all its reports, gives this grid reference (NGR) as a six figure numeric reference e.g. 393200,224400.

However, many people feel more comfortable with an alphanumeric grid reference, in which each NGR has a two-letter prefix locating it within one of the 100 kilometre squares shown in the diagram opposite. This alphanumeric form is interchangeable with the purely numeric reference used by Landmark.

In order to convert the purely numeric grid references to an alphanumeric reference the following procedure should be used: in general, the last 3 figures of the 6-figure grid reference should be removed (in the case of The North of Scotland 7-figure Northings may occur). The resulting grid reference represents a 100-kilometre reference and thus can be plotted against the adjacent map to provide the correct letter code. This letter code will then replace the first figure of the Easting and Northing (first 2 figures in the case of the 7-figure Northing reference). The reference can then be re-assembled.

For example:

Six figure numeric reference: 393200, 224400
Remove the last three digits
to give 100km reference: 393,224
Which is within the 100km grid square: SO
Remove the first digits from 100km reference: 93, 24
Assembled the alphanumeric reference: SO9324

Appendix 4: The Search Code



Search Code

Important Consumer Protection Information

This search has been produced by Landmark Information Group Ltd, The Smith Centre, Fairmile, Henley on Thames, Oxon, RG9 6AB. Telephone 0844 844 9966 email helpdesk@landmark.co.uk which is registered with the Property Codes Compliance Board (PCCB) as a subscriber to the Search Code. The PCCB independently monitors how registered firms maintain compliance with the Code.

The Search Code provides protection for homebuyers, sellers, conveyancers and mortgage lenders who rely on property search reports carried out on residential property within the United Kingdom. It sets out minimum standards which firms compiling and/or selling search reports have to meet. By giving you this information, your search provider is confirming that they keep to the principles of the Code. This provides important protection for you.

The Code's core principles

Search providers which subscribe to the Code will:

- Display the Code logo prominently on their search reports.
- Act with integrity and carry out work with due skill, care and diligence.
- At all times maintain adequate and appropriate insurance to protect consumers.
- Conduct business in an honest, fair and professional manner.
- Handle complaints speedily and fairly.
- Ensure that all search services comply with the law, registration rules and standards.
- Monitor their compliance with the Code.

Keeping to the Search Code

How search organisations maintain compliance with the Search Code is monitored independently by the Property Codes Compliance Board (PCCB). If you have a query or complaint about your search, you should raise it directly with the firm, and if appropriate ask for your complaint to be considered under their formal internal complaints procedure. If you remain dissatisfied with the firm's final resolution after your complaint has been formally considered or if the firm has exceeded the response timescales, you may refer your complaint to The Property Ombudsman (TPO). TPO can award compensation of up to £5,000 to you if it finds that you have suffered actual loss as a result of your search provider failing to keep to the Code.

Please note that all queries or complaints regarding your search should be directed to your search provider in the first instance, not to TPOs or to the PCCB.

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Complaints procedure - Information for customers

If you wish to make a complaint, we will deal with it speedily and fairly. We will:

- Produce a formal written complaints procedure and tell you what this is.
- Acknowledge a complaint within 5 working days of its receipt.
- Normally deal with a complaint fully and in writing within 20 working days of receipt.
- Keep you informed by letter, telephone or e-mail, as you prefer, if we need more time.
- Provide a final written response at the latest within 40 days of receipt.
- Liaise, at your request, with anyone acting formally on your behalf.

If you are not satisfied with the final decision, you may refer the complaint to The Property Ombudsman scheme (TPOs).

You can get more information about the PCCB from www.propertycodes.org.uk

Please contact our Customer Service Team on 0844 844 9966 if you would like a copy of the full search code.

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Landmark UK Property
The Smith Centre
Fairmile
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